

# Sustainable Nebraska Strategy



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## Vision, Mission, and Background

### Vision

Grow Nebraska

### Mission

Effective and efficient state government through environmental stewardship.

### Background

Administrative Services provides shared services support to our peer agencies for the business processes that support state government. Through a strategic focus on sustainability, our department can improve the environmental impact of state government operations across the enterprise, while also saving money for taxpayers.

## Director's Message

Under Governor Ricketts' leadership, Nebraska state government is applying new focus to environmental stewardship. At the Governor's direction, it is Administrative Services' honor to publish the State's first sustainability strategy. Under this plan, we will focus on improving environmental outcomes for our customers, the State, and the world, while delivering savings for taxpayers. To achieve this, we are focusing on four main areas:

- Transportation
- State Buildings
- Waste Reduction
- Procurement



By concentrating on these four areas, we can maximize our impact on state government operations through innovation, best practice adoption, and technology. We are confident that a focus on sustainability will contribute to our mission of creating opportunity through efficient, effective, and customer-focused state government. We can't wait to get started and look forward to continuous improvement across the breadth of our operations in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Jason Jackson'.

Jason Jackson, Director

## Program 1: Transportation

Department of Administrative Services - Transportation Services Bureau will continue to leverage renewable fuels across the breadth of fleet operations.

- **GOAL** | 90% or more of the state vehicle fleet can run on E-15 fuel.
- **GOAL** | Support innovation and experiments in fuels with higher ethanol concentration.

## Program 2: State Buildings

Department of Administrative Services - Building Division will adopt building and land use practices that minimize the use of natural resources and reduce energy consumption. The Task Force for Building Renewal will continue to focus on upgrading existing facility infrastructure with more efficient and sustainable systems.

- **GOAL** | Install smart irrigation systems to reduce water consumption state-wide.
- **GOAL** | Net reduction in energy usage.

## Program 3: Waste Reduction

To reduce landfill waste, the State of Nebraska provides convenient opportunities to recycle and properly dispose of products, while educating on the benefits of creatively reusing and reducing the amount and type of products consumed. Whenever possible, waste is diverted from the landfill through recycling, reduction, and reuse. Department of Administrative Services - Materiel Division's Recycling and Excess Property programs are both well positioned to contribute to these objectives.

- **GOAL** | Provide access for recycling in all state-owned buildings, ensuring that recycling sites are strategically placed at optimal locations around state buildings and focusing primarily on state office buildings as those produce the most recyclable waste.
- **GOAL** | Include tracking requirements in future recycling and waste contracts to ensure reliable data on waste reduction efforts.

## Program 4: Procurement

Department of Administrative Services - Materiel Division serves as procurement experts and the central point of contact for procurement operations. Procurement can help the State meet its sustainability goals by purchasing green products and leveraging domestic suppliers.

- **GOAL** | The State will purchase green products when the cost is the same or less than non-green products.
- **GOAL** | Increase the amount of procured materials that are produced in the United States.